

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 95-028-W - ORDER NO. 95-1356 ✓
JULY 12, 1995

IN RE: Application of Carolina Water Service,) ORDER DENYING
 Inc. for Approval of a Water Supply) REQUEST OF
 Agreement between Carolina Water Service,) INTERVENOR FOR
 Inc. and the City of West Columbia, SC.) RECUSAL

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of an Intervenor in these proceedings whereby the Intervenor requests that a Commissioner be denied from hearing this case.

On December 29, 1994, Carolina Water Service, Inc. (CWS or the Applicant) filed the instant Application with the Commission whereby the Applicant requests Commission approval of a water supply agreement between the Applicant and the City of West Columbia, South Carolina. The Application was duly noticed to the public, and the Commission received several letters and two Petitions to Intervene regarding the Application. One of the Petitions to Intervene was from Michael C. Watford, Sr.

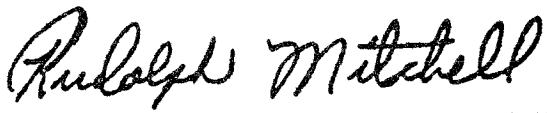
In his Petition to Intervene, Mr. Watford requests that "Commissioner Bowers be denied from hearing this case." (Watford Petition to Intervene, p. 2.) Mr. Watford alleges that "during (his) testimony in the last CWS rate case Commissioner Bowers showed disrespect and sarcasm towards (him) because (he is) a

state employee." (Waterford Petition, p. 2; Pronoun case and verb tense changed from original.)

Upon careful consideration of this matter, the Commission hereby denies Mr. Watford's request to deny Commissioner Bowers' participation in this matter. The Commission has examined the transcript from the hearing to which Mr. Watford refers and finds no reason or justification which gives cause to exclude Commissioner Bowers from sitting on this case. Accordingly, Mr. Watford's request is denied.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


Chairman

ATTEST:


Deputy Executive Director

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